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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Jane Shugg Elkins of Hinsdale, who passed away on April 27, 2012; and

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WHEREAS, She was born in 1919 in Huntington, West Virginia; she received her undergraduate degree from Wellesley College Class of 1940; and

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WHEREAS, In her pursuits, she often stepped outside boundaries and discovered herself to be the first person to do so; when Women Accepted for Voluntary Emergency Service, or W.A.V.E.S., was established in 1942, she immediately enlisted and was the first commissioned officer from Michigan during World War II; when she entered Northwestern Law School, she was one of 4 women in the first class of returning veterans; when she became interested in antique cars and purchased a Model A Ford, she had to get special permission from the superintendent of schools to enroll in an all men's course on 4-cylinder engines; and

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WHEREAS, Her vision of life was more than could be filled in one activity, one vocation or a single life; her interests and ventures were boundless; she wore many hats with flair and grace during her lifetime, as a mother, attorney, entrepreneur,

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1 Hinsdale village trustee, and as a member of the League of
2 Women Voters, Embroiders Guild, Lyric Opera, Chicago Symphony,
3 and Music of the Baroque; she enjoyed traveling, art class,
4 breeding springer spaniels, cats, antique cars, bridge, book
5 groups, botany, and making beads; and

6 WHEREAS, She was one of the first women to serve on the
7 Board of Trustees at Union Church; she has also served on the
8 committees to search for Union Church's last 3 pastors,
9 minister of music, and the Illinois Conference Minister; and

10 WHEREAS, Jane Shugg Elkins was the beloved wife of the late
11 Robert Hiatt Elkins Sr. for 52 years; she was the loving mother
12 of 5 children, Margaret Templet-Drummond, Elizabeth Louise
13 Elkins, Catherine Killgore Elkins, Robert Hiatt Elkins Jr., and
14 Susan Elkins Kneisel; and a proud grandmother of 5
15 grandchildren, Melissa Ann Templet, Megan Elizabeth Templet,
16 Lauren Elizabeth Kneisel, Andrew Killgore Kneisel, and
17 Alexander Hiatt Kneisel; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
20 her family and friends, the passing of Jane Shugg Elkins; and
21 be it further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Jane Shugg Elkins as a symbol of our
2 sincere sympathy.